Compensation to riot victims of Gujarat

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the dependents of those killed, seriously injured in the riots after Godhara incident in Gujarat have been paid compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all those who had become homeless in these riots have been rehabilitated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to restore the confidence of sufferers in law and order machinery in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 13.455 crores has been paid as compensation in 897 cases of deaths to the eligible heirs at the rate of Rs. 1.50 lakh per person. However, relief could not be distributed in 44 cases in 17 cases, the dead bodies could not be identified, in 26 cases, no legal heirs were available and in 1 case, the heirship was disputed.

A sum of Rs. 1.72 crores has been paid to 2405 persons who were injured in the riots.

(c) and (d) A total of Rs. 28.56 crores has been distributed in 28,261 cases who had become homeless in the riots. 9180 applications were rejected.

(e) Apart from the State Government's measures like activating peace committees involving community leaders, village elders, deployment of army and Central para-military forces, etc. the Union Government constantly monitored the situation and issued a number of advisories to the State Government to ensure that normalcy was restored at the earliest.